MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JULY 27TH, 1938

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the State Treasurer, Annapolis, Maryland, on Wednesday, July 27th, 1938, at twelve o'clock noon.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor, Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller. Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, attended the meeting.

The Board proceeded to open proposals for the purchase of \$3,413,000 General Bond Issue of 1937, Issue of August 15th, 1938, in accordance with advertisements appearing in the "Baltimore Sun" and the "Baltimore News-Post", of June 27th, July 1st, 5th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 18th and 22nd, as follows -

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STATE OF MARYLAND
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
\$3,413,000 "General Bond Issue of 1937"

Annapolis, Md.

Pursuant to Chapter 487 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of 1937, providing for the issue of the Certificates of Indebtedness herein mentioned and described, and pursuant also to a resolution of the Board of Public Works of Maryland passed on the 1st day of June, 1938, and on file and open to inspection in the office of the said Board in Annapolis, Maryland, the Treasurer of the State of Maryland will receive bids or proposals for Certificates of Indebtedness of the State of Maryland as follows:

\$3,413,000 CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS KNOWN AS "GENERAL BOND ISSUE OF 1937"

Said Certificates of Indebtedness will all be dated August 15, 1938. The bidders are requested to indicate in their bids the rate of interest to be paid on the bonds, on which rate their bids are to be based and submitted. The rate named must be a multiple of one-fourth of one per centum, and all bids must name only one rate of interest for the entire issue, the interest to be payable semi-annually on the fifteenth days of February and August, respectively, during the continuance of said loan, and all bids shall be based on an offering to pay not less than par for the bonds. The principal of said loan will be payable upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as more fully set forth in said Act of 1937, Chapter 487, as follows -

GENERAL BOND ISSUE OF 1937

Series	Amounts	Matu	ritie	<u>s</u>
#BA#	\$219,000.00	August	15,	1941
"BB"	225,000.00	August	15,	1942
"BC"	232,000.00	August	15,	1943
"BD"	239,000.00	August	15,	1944
"BE"	246,000.00	August	15,	1945
41BE41	253,000.00	August	15,	1946
"BG"	261,000.00	August	15,	1947
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"BI"	277,000.00	August	15,	1949
"BJ"	285,000.00	August	15,	1950
11BK11	294,000.00	August	15,	1951
"BL"	302,000.00	August	15,	1952
"BM"	311,000.00	August		

The said Certificates of Indebtedness will be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, subject to registration as to principal, and all will be issued with interest coupons attached.

This loan and the interest payable thereon is exempt from the Federal Income Tax, and from State, County and Municipal taxation in the State of Maryland.

The said bids or proposals must be delivered to the Treasurer of the State, at his office in Annapolis, Maryland, before 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday,

JULY 27th, 1938.

Each bid must be for cash on delivery, and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed on the outside "Proposal for General Bond Issue of 1937". Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for five per cent of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids or proposals will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, July 27th, 1938, in the presence of the undersigned.

noon on Wednesday, July 27th, 1938, in the presence of the undersigned.

On the opening of said proposals, as many of said Certificates of Indebtedness as have been bid for, not exceeding, however, the amount for which proposals are invited may be awarded by the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer, or a majority of them to the highest responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash; and if two or more responsible bidders have made the same bid and such bid is the highest and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders are in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

The undersigned may, in their discretion, accept one bid for all of said loan er separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the largest amount, and they may in their discretion, accept bids which may be for parts of said loan, but are not for all, and they reserve the right in their discretion to reject all bids or any bids.

The Certificates of Indebtedness awarded will be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders, upon receipt of the amount of the successful bid or bids, and any accrued interest due, on Monday, August 15th, 1938, at the office of the State Treasurer, Annapolis, Md.

Bidders are referred to the said Chapter 487 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1937, as containing the full terms and provisions of this loan.

It is one of the terms of this offering that the bonds when issued will be the legal and valid binding obligations of the State. The opinion of the Attorney General of Waryland and the opinions of Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams, and Mullikin, Stockbridge & Waters to this effect will be delivered to the successful bidder. Bidders may, if they wish, make the legality and validity of the bonds one of the terms of the bid by making the bid "subject to legality" or using any equivalent form of expression, but without leaving this question to the decision of the bidders or their counsel. All bids conditioned upon the approval of bidders or counsel, whether named or unnamed, will be treated as conditional bids and rejected, unless the condition is waived by the bidder to the satisfaction of the Board before the award has been made.

HARRY W. NICE,
GOVERNOR.
WM. S. GORDY, JR.,
COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY
HOOPER S. MILES
TREASURER.

Halsey, Stuart & Co. Inc.

35 Wall St. New York, N.Y. July 27, 1938.

Hon. Harry W. Nice, Governor Hon. William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller of the Treasury Hon. Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer State of Maryland Annapolis, Md.

Gentlemena-

For Three Million Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$3,413,000) STATE OF MARYLAND CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS GENERAL BOND ISSUE OF 1937, offered for sale Wednesday, July 27th, 1938, at 12 o'clock noon Eastern Standard Time, which Certificates represent valid and legally binding obligations of the State for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the State are pledged, to be issued in coupon form in the denomination of \$1,000, registerable as to principal only, principal and semi-annual interest, February 15 and August 15, payable in Baltimore, Certificates to be dated August 15, 1938 and to mature as follows:

\$219,000 August	15,	1941	\$269,000	August	15,	1948
225,000 August			277,000	August	15,	1949
232,000 August			285,000	August	15,	1950
239,000 August			294,000	August	15,	1951
246,000 August			302,000	August	15,	1952
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and in all other respects as set forth in the official notice of sale, we bid Par and accrued interest to date of delivery plus a premium of \$6,211.66 for Certificates bearing interest at the rate of \$1.50 percentum per annum (100.182)

It is understood that the Certificates will be delivered to us accompanied by the unqualified approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Maryland and the opinions of Messrs. Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams and Messrs. Mullikin, Stockbridge & Waters whose opinions will be furnished by the State.

We are enclosing herewith our good faith check in the amount of \$170,650 to be held by you pending the fulfillment of our contract if we are the successful bidder. If we are not successful, please return our check immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

Halsey, Stuart & Co. Inc. Bancamerica-Blair Corporation Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. Hemphill, Noyes & Co.

Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.

Adams, Mc Entee & Co. Inc.
B. J. Van Ingen & Co. Inc.
Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. Inc.
Starkweather & Co.
Stern Brothers & Co.
Jenkins, Whedbee & Poe

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Enclosure

ALEX BROWN & SONS

BALTIMORE MARYLAND July 27, 1938.

Honorable Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, State of Maryland Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir:-

For all but no part of the \$3,413,000 State of Maryland, 1 1/2% Certificates of Indebtedness, known as "General Bond Issue of 1937", to be dated August 15, 1938, maturing serially August 15, 1941 to August 15, 1953, inclusive, without option of prior payment, as described in the attached notice of sale, which is hereby made a part of our bid, we will pay \$100.179 and accrued interest to date of delivery for each \$100 principal amount thereof.

The above Certificates of Indebtedness are to be legal and valid binding general obligations of the State of Maryland, the State agreeing to furnish the opinion of the Attorney General of Maryland and the opinions of Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams and Mullikin, Stockbridge & Waters, showing same prior to delivery.

We enclose our certified check for \$170,650 drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland, as a deposit in accordance with the terms of our bid which we would ask to have returned promptly to our representative in case the Certificates of Indebtedness are not awarded to us.

Very truly yours,

ALEX. B ROWN & SONS
THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK
SOLOMON BROS & HUTZLER
L. F. ROTHSCHILD & CO.
F. S. MOSELEY & CO.

By /s/ Alex Brown & Sons

LAZARD FRERES & CO New York 120 Broadway

July 27, 1938.

Mr. Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer State of Maryland Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

Subject to the provisions of the official notice of sale, which notice is hereby made a part of this proposal, we offer to purchase \$3,413,000 Certificates of Indebtedness known as "General Bond Issue of 1937" of the State of Maryland, and for all but no part of the above described certificates bearing interest at the rate of 1 3/4 per centum per annum, we will pay Three Million, four hundred seventy-one thousand, six hundred thirty-five dollars and thirty-four cents \$3,471,635.34 or \$101.718 for each \$100 par value and accrued interest from the date of said certificates to the date of delivery.

We enclose herewith a certified check in the sum of \$170,650 payable to the "Treasurer of Maryland", which check is to be returned to us if this proposal is not accepted, otherwise said check is to be retained as and for liquidated damages in case we fail to take up and pay for said certificates in accordance with the terms of this proposal.

Very truly yours,

per pro. LAZARD FRERES & CO

/s/ Randolph R. Compton.

Representing:
Lazard Freres & Co.
Lehman Brothers
C. F. Childs and Company
Washburn & Company, Inc.
Equitable Securities Corporation
Watling, Lerchen & Hayes

J. N. Hynson & Co., Inc.
Morse Bros. & Co. Inc.
Edward Lowber Stokes & Co.
Charles Clark & Co.
F. W. Craigie & Co.
Hernon, Pearsall & Co.

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BANKERS TRUST COMPANY

16 Wall St. New York. July 27, 1938.

The Honorable Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, State of Maryland, Annapolis, Maryland.

Sir

For all but no part of the following described, legally issued, properly executed direct obligations of the State of Maryland, namely \$3,413,000 "General Bond Issue of 1937" Certificates of Indebtedness, to bear interest at the rate One Three-"uarters per centum (1-3/4%) per annum, to be dated August 15, 1938, to mature as follows:

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	BK	294,000.00	August	15, 1951
	\mathtt{BL}	302,000.00	August	
	BM	311,000.00	August	15, 1953

without option of prior payment, to be in coupon form in the denomination of \$1,000 registerable as to principal only, principal and semi-annual interest (February 15 and August 15) payable in Baltimore, Maryland, and as further described in official notice of sale signed, Harry W. Nice, Governor; William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller of the Treasury and Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, we will pay the sum of \$3,459,413.39 or \$101.3599 for each \$100 par value of certificates and accrued interest from date of the certificates to date of delivery to us.

This bid is made subject to our being furnished without expense to us, at time of delivery of these certificates, legal opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Maryland; Messrs. Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams; and Messrs. Mulliken, Stockbridge & Waters approving the validity of the certificates.

As evidence of our good faith in bidding, we enclose certified check in the amount of \$170,650.00 payable to the order of "The Treasurer of Maryland". If this proposal is accepted, this check is to be retained in part payment for the above mentioned \$3,413,000 Certificates of Indebtedness; otherwise it is to be returned immediately to our representative.

This bid is for immediate acceptance.

Very truly yours,

Bankers Trust Company
Brown Harriman & Co. Inc.

The First Boston Corporation Harris Trust & Savings Bank J. & W. Seligman & Co. Robert Garrett & Sons G.M.-P. Murphy & Co. Strogher Brogden & Co.

By: Bankers Trust Company

/s/ E. F. Dunstan

Mssistant Vice President.

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK

July 27, 1938.

Hon. Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, State of Maryland, Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir:-

For all but no part of the following described, legally issued, properly executed, direct general obligations of the State of Maryland, namely \$3,413,000 Certificates of Indebtedness, known as "General Bond Issue of 1937" offered for sale July 27, 1938, to be dated August 15, 1938, to be in coupon form in denomination of \$1,000 bearing interest at the rate of 1 3/4 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually February 15 and August 15 to mature without option of prior payment

\$219,000 on August 15, 1941 225,000, on August 15, 1942 232,000 on August 15, 1943 239,000 on August 15, 1944 246,000 on August 15, 1945 253,000 on August 15, 1946 261,000 on August 15, 1947 269,000 on August 15, 1948 277,000 on August 15, 1949 285,000 on August 15, 1950 294,000 on August 15, 1951 302,000 on August 15, 1952 311,000 on August 15, 1953

and as further described in the attached notice of sale which is hereby made a part of this bid, we will pay \$3,458,051.60 equivalent to \$101.32 for each \$100 par value of Certificates of Indebtedness, and accrued interest from the date of the Certificates to the date of delivery.

This bid is subject to our being furnished, without cost to us, at the time of, or prior to the delivery of the Certificates of Indebtedness, with the satisfactory legal opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Maryland; Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams; and Mullikin, Stockbridge & Waters, ESqs., approving the legality of the issue; also with copy of the record of proceedings and other certified papers examined by them.

To qualify this bid, we enclose herewith the required check in the amount of \$170,650 drawn to the order of Treasurer of Maryland. It is understood that if we are the successful bidders for this issue, our check will be retained

as partial payment of the total purchase price named herein, but if we are not the successful bidders, this check will be returned immediately.

This bid is for immediate acceptance.

Very truly yours,

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK SMITH BARNEY & CO
BLYTH & CO. INC
UNION TRUST COMPANY OF MARYLAND
GEO. B. GIBBONS & CO. INC.
FIRST OF MICHIGAN CORPORATION
ELDREDGE & CO. INC.
ROOSEVELT & WEIGOLD INC.
KELLEY RICHARDSON & CO.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ST. PAUL
OWEN DALY & CO.

BY /s/ Owen Daly & Co.

MACKUBIN LEGG & COMPANY

Redwood and South Sts.,

Baltimore Wednesday July 27, 1938.

Treasurer of the State of Maryland, Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your request for sealed bids for \$3,413,000 Certificates of Indebtedness known as "General Bond Issue of 1937"

to be dated August 15th. 1938 and due serially August 15th, 1941 to 1953 inclusive, more particularly described in the attached advertisement; for all, but not for any part thereof, bearing interest at the rate of $(1\ 3/4\%)$ One and three-quarters percent per annum, we hereby offer to pay you \$101.319 and accrued interest from date of bonds to date of delivery for each \$100 par value thereof.

This bid is made with the understanding that the bonds are the direct obligations of the State of Maryland, the full faith, credit and taxing power of which is pledged for the payment of both principal and interest and that the bonds are legally and validly issued and sold.

As evidence of good faith, we enclose certified check for \$100,650. This check is to be used in part payment of the bonds in case our bid is accepted, otherwise to be returned to us promptly.

Very truly yours,

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEW YORK STONE & WEBSTER AND BLODGET INC. R. W. PRESSPRICH & CO. PHELPS FENN & CO DARBY & CO INC.

MERCANTILE-COMMERCE BANK & TRUST CO THE BOATMEN'S NATIONAL BANK FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALTIMORE CHARLES K. MORRIS & CO. INC. MACKUBIN LEGG & CO.

Per /s/ Mackubin Legg & Co.

MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF BALTIMORE

July 27th, 1938.

Hon. Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, State of Waryland, Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir:-

For all but no part of the following described legally issued, properly executed, direct general obligation of the State of Maryland, namely \$3,413,000 Certificates of Indebtedness known as "General Bond Issue of 1937", to be dated August 15, 1938 and Maturing August 15, 1941 to August 15, 1953 inclusive, without option of prior payment, to be in coupon form in the denomination of \$1,000 registerable as to principal only, semi-annual interest payable February 15 and August 15th and as further described in official notice of sale signed Harry W. Nice, Governor, William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller of the Treasury and Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer, we bid the sum of \$101.159 for each \$100. Certificate to date of delivery thereof, for bonds bearing 1 3/4% interest.

It is understood that we shall be furnished, without expense to us, at time of or prior to the delivery of these certificates, satisfactory legal opinion of the Attorney-General of the State of Maryland, approving the validity of the certificates, together with certified papers examined by him, also the approving opinion of Messrs. Ritchie, Janney, Ober & Williams; and Mullikin, Stockbridge & Waters, attorneys, Baltimore, Maryland.

As evidence of our good faith in bidding, we enclose certified check in amount of \$170,650.00 payable to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland. If this proposal is accepted, this check is to be retained as part payment for the above \$3,413,000 Certificates, otherwise it is to be returned immediately to us.

This bid is made for immediate acceptance.

Yours very truly,

Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore Kidder, Peabody & Co. New York The Northern Trust Co. Chicago, Ill. Baker, Watts & Co. Baltimore Stein Bros. & Boyce, Baltimore Robinson, Miller & Co. Inc. New York

BY MERCANTILE TRUST COMPANY OF BALTIMORE

/s/ J. R. Crunkleton Secretary.

JRC/S

W. W. IANAHAN & CO. Calvert Bldg Baltimore

July 27th, 1938.

Hooper S. Miles, Esq., Treasurer State of Maryland Annapolis, Md.

Dear Sir:

We will pay \$3,426,617.87 and accrued interest for all or none of \$3,413,000 State of Maryland Certificates of Indebtedness, known as "General Bond Issue of 1937" bearing interest at the annual rate of 1 3/4 per centum (1.75%) all in accordance with the official advertisement, copy of which is attached and hereby made a part of the bid.

This bid is made with the understanding that the bonds will be delivered to us within a reasonable length of time and that these bonds will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the State of Maryland, for the payment of the principal and interest of which the full faith and credit of the State are pledged.

As evidence of our good faith, we enclose herewith certified check in the amount of \$179,650 payable to the order of Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer of the State of Maryland, to be retained by you in the event that we are the successful bidders and applied as part payment at the time of delivery, otherwise to be returned to us promptly, or to be returned to us in the event that this issue of bonds is not a valid and legally binding obligation of the State of Maryland.

Very truly yours,

BARR BROS & COMPANY INC.
GOLDMAN SACHS & COMPANY
A. G. BECKER & COMPANY INC.
EASTMAN DILLON & COMPANY
W.W. LANAHAN & COMPANY
H. C. WAINWRICHT & COMPANY
FRANCIS I. DUPONT & COMPANY
FRANK B. CAHN & COMPANY

BY: /s/ W. W. Lanaham & Co.
W.W. LANAHAN & CO.

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Upon motion duly seconded, the Board accepted the proposal of Halsey, Stuart & Company and Associates and awarded the bonds to these bidders.

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Mr. George E. Halsey and the Delegation of Contractors representing Open Shop Builders, appeared before the Board in connection with the establishment of minimum wage rates to be used on projects at the <u>University of Maryland at College Park</u>, Maryland and Baltimore, Maryland, for which funds are appropriated in the General Bond Issue of 1937, supplemented by Grants to be received from the Public Works Administration. Mr. Halsey protested the establishment of rates indicated in the schedule submitted to the Board by Architects preparing plans and specifications for the buildings. The rates in the schedule are similar to rates established by the Board at a meeting last November when rates were established for projects at Rosewood State Training School, Montrose School for Girls, Springfield State Hospital and Spring Grove State Hospital, with a few exceptions, in which cases rates had been increased.

Mr. F. Clark Ellis, representing the Labor Unions, favored the adoption of the schedule submitted by the Architects.

Considerable discussion was had as to the rates to be established. Attention was called to the fact that rates had been established for a project at Bowie State Normal School, which rates are lower than the rates included in the schedule for projects at Rosewood State Training School, Springfield State Hospital, Montrose School for Girls and Spring Grove State Hospital. It was noted that the work to be done at College Park is not far from the work being done at Bowie State Normal School. It was also noted that the construction work to be done in Baltimore is in the same area as the work being done at . Rosewood State Training School and the other Institutions mentioned, or in what is known as the Baltimore area. After considerable discussion, Mr. Miles and Mr. Gordy voted to approve the rates being used at Bowie State Normal School as those to be used for the work at College Park, and for the rates approved for the Baltimore area as the rates to be used in connection with construction work in Baltimore for the University of Maryland.

The Governor requested that he be recorded as voting for the use of the Baltimore area rates for the work at College Park.

The question of the State Armory was discussed. Mr. Miles said he had been in touch with the Attorney General's Office, and was advised to have Governor Nice write a letter to the Attorney General asking if the Board of Public Works has the authority to demolish the Governor's Garage on the proposed State Office Building site, which would, of course, involve the right of the Board to use funds appropriated by the Legislature to raise or move other State Buildings in the site, including the Bladen Street Armory.

The Governor stated he would write such a letter to the Attorney General.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a memorandum left with him by Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Executive Secretary, Board of State Aid and Charities, relative to a request which had previously been made to the Board of Public Works to allocate the sum of \$10,000 from relief funds for the expense of making a survey.

The Board decided it did not have authority to approve the use of these funds for the purpose indicated.

The Board approved amendment to the Budgets of State Agencies as follows -

State Department of Education, amendment dated July 21st, 1938, showing increases of \$429.27 and decreases in like amount.

Board of State Aid & Charities, amendment dated July 26th, 1938, showing increases and decreases in the amount of \$450.00.

Comptroller of the Treasury, amendment dated July 25th, 1938, showing increases and decreases in the amount of \$490.79

Springfield State Hospital, amendment dated July 14th, 1938, showing increases and decreases amounting to \$24,374.58.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board bills from Mr. James A. Walton, amounting to \$425.00 and Carlson & Carlson, amounting to \$75.00, covering appraisals and services as witnesses in connection with condemnation proceedings on the State Office Building project.

The Secretary was directed to refer these bills to the Attorney General for approval.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a copy of resolution adopted by the 18th Annual Department Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Maryland, in Session on June 26th, 1938, at the Southern Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland thanking the Board for its interest and cooperation in attempting the solution of problems of the Organization.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Rosewood State Training School, requesting authority to charge from the books of the Institution uncollectible patient's accounts amounting to \$373.47.

The request was received.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect for Eastern Shore State Hospital, requesting establishment of a wage scale of 50¢ per hour for the classification of Carpenter's Helper. The wage rate was approved.

The Secretary was authorized to communicate with the Public Works Administration advising them that the Board had approved the establishment of the

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Thomas M. Jenifer, Special Assistant Attorney General, advising of the proceedings in connection with condemnation of property on the site of the new State Office Building. Mr. Jenifer reported the acquisition of the Feldmeyer property, the Veazey property and the Grau property through condemnation proceedings.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Thomas N. Jenifer, Special Assistant Attorney General, advising of the controversy regarding the tenants in the Bladen Hotel, Annapolis, which is on the proposed site for the new State Office Building, The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Jenifer that the Board would follow his advice in the matter, and that whatever he thought it was necessary to do on the part of the State should be done.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Thomas M. Jenifer, Special Assistant Attorney General, relative to the acquisition of property owned by Mr. Richard M. Johnson. The Board was agreeable to the purchase of the property at a price of \$3,000, as suggested by Mr. Jenifer, but that the Board would not make any provision for settlement with the tenants of the property.

In the event it is not possible to settle on this basis, the Board wishes Mr. Jenifer to institute condemnation proceedings.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Thomas M. Jemifer, Special Assistant Attorney General, relative to the Baldwin property at nos 110 to 114 College Avenue, Annapolis, a part of the site for the proposed State Office Building. The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Jenifer that the Board has no understanding with anyone in this matter to make any payment other than that covered by the contract, and that it was not interested in any settlement between the owner of the property and the tenant of any lease issued on the property.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Attorney General, replying to the inquiry addressed to him by the Secretary, dated June 8th, 1938, requesting advice as to whether certain necessary expenses in connection with the administration of the "Bootleg" coal law, Chapter 349 of the Acts of 1937, by the Bureau of Mines may be paid out of the license fees collected.

The Attorney General advised that there is no legal objection to the use of a reasonable amount of the license fees for the necessary expenses of enforcing the law.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication with Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect for the proposed State Office Building, enclosing contract: and Completion Bond from the Alphons Custodis Chimney Construction Company, duly executed by the contractors for additions to the existing chimney stack at the State Power House for the new State Office Building.

The Board approved the contract and completion bond and authorized the signing of the contract by the Governor on behalf of the Board.

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board some correspondence relative to State taxes due by Mr. James Conrad, Tax Collector in the Second Collection District of Allegany County, for the years 1924, 1925 and 1926. The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Sumerville Nicholson, Supervisor of Assessments for Allegany County, dated July 14th, 1938, in which the Comptroller was advised that Mr. Conrad was accidently killed in the year 1926. His bonding company, the Union Indemnity Company, failed later, so that the Allegany County Commissioners collected all taxes possible and the rest have been charged off their books. Mr. Nicholson advised that he sees no way the taxes can be collected, and that there is nothing left for the State to do but also charge the same off its books.

The Board authorized the Comptroller to charge off as uncollectible the taxes chargeable to Mr. Conrad, as follows -

1925 1924 Total 1926 \$213.48 \$129.27 \$620.13 277.38 Real & Personal 10.89 84.23 57.28 16.06 Securities \$334.66 \$229.54 \$704.36

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the Treasury Department, Procurement Division, Washington, to the Governor, relating to the transfer of certain buildings located on public land at CCC Camp s-52 Grantsville, in Garrett County, Maryland, to the State of Maryland, the property being no longer needed by the Camp. It is proposed to give this property to the State Department of Forestry.

The Board approved the acceptance of the property by the State Department of Forestry.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from John K. Ruff Company that he be permitted to substitute for the certified check for \$5,000, which he submitted in connection with his bid for the demolition of the site for the State Office Building and moving of the State Armory a bid bond so that the cash will be released to him.

The Board approved the request.

The request also would cover the two other contractors whose bids are being held along with their certified checks pending action of the Board on the acceptance of the proposal of the low bidder.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. August F. Waldsachs, Journeymen Stone Cutters Association of N. A. in which it was requested that the stone for use in connection with the new State Office Building be fabricated in the State of Maryland.

The Secretary was instructed to refer this request to the Architects for advice.

The Board formally approved amendments to Budgets to State Departments which had been verbally approved by the members of the Board prior thereto, as follows -

State Department of Health - amendment dated July 12th, 1938, showing increases and decreases amounting to \$31,653.95.

State Department of Health - amendment dated July 12th, 1938, showing increases and decreases amounting to \$10,551.32.

State Auditor - amendment dated July 8th, 1938, showing increases and decreases

amounting to \$1,508.88. State Game Department - amendment dated July 12th, 1938, showing increases and

decreases amounting to \$2,850.00.
The Public Schools and Towson State Teachers College - amendment dated July 8th,

1938, showing increases and decreases amounting to \$10,000.00
The Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatoria - amendment dated July 13th, 1938, showing

increases and decreases amounting to \$10,648.16.

The Maryland State Penal Farm - amendment dated July 7th, 1938, showing increases and decreases amounting to \$3,000.00.

Maryland Training School for Colored Girls - amendment dated July 8th, 1938,

showing increases and decreases amounting to \$545.00.

Central Purchasing Bureau - amendment dated July 17th, 1938, showing increases and

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

decreases amounting to \$30.00.

Joseph-Olmetusker Secretary.